GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2879
ANSWERED ON:09.12.2002
DIVERSION OF FOREST LAND
M.H. AMBAREESH

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the norms prescribed for diversion of forest land for other developmental activities;

(b) whether the Government have received any proposals/ requests from certain States including Karnataka to divert forest land for other developmental works particularly for the purpose of disposal of hazardous waste;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the action taken by the Government on each such proposal/request?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) to (d) Under the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, diversion of any forest land for non-forestry purpose requires prior permission of the Central Government. Every proposal requiring forest land for non-forestry purposes is considered on merit and in case the diversion is necessary and unavoidable, permission is accorded with suitable conditions having regard to environmental security of the area. More than 4900 proposals have been submitted by various State Governments including Karnataka during the period from 1998 to 31.10.2002 under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for approval. A brief abstract of this information indicating their present status, State-wise is annexed. A proposal for diversion of 50.00 ha. of forest land for disposal of Hazardous Wastes in favour of Karnataka State Pollution Control Board in District Kolar, Karnataka has been approved in-principle on 22.10.2002.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2879 B` AMBAREESHA REGARDING `DIVERSION OF FOREST LAND` DUE FOR REPLY ON 09.12.2002.

S. NO.	State	No. of proposals received	Approved for want of information	Rejected by the State Govt.	Rejected by the Ministry	Returned/ withdrawn by the States	Under process	Additional information awaited from
	Assam	90	63	14	0	10	0	3
	Arunachal Pradesh	69	47	1	0	0	10	11
	Andhra Pradesh	128	79	25	4	7	4	9
	Andaman & Nicobar Island	27	18	5	0	1	0	3
	Bihar	18	11	1	2	3	1	0
	Chandigarh	18	14	0	0	0	0	4
	Chhattisgarh	83	42	3	1	4	19	14
	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	140	86	9	3	12	12	18
	Daman & Diu	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Delhi	6	3	2	0	1	0	0
	Goa	30	10	2	0	0	2	16
	Gujarat	416	316	30	15	25	6	24
	Haryana	235	184	19	0	0	2	30
	Himachal Pradesh	307	170	57	1	12	8	59
	Jharkhand	85	46	2	27	1	3	6
	Karnataka	166	91	22	12	7	12	22

Kerala	43	30	2	2	2	3	4
Manipur	5	4	0	0	1	0	0
Meghalya	49	44	2	0	1	2	0
Madhya Pradesh	201	100	52	6	10	12	21
Mizoram	15	13	0	0	0	0	2
Maharashtra	474	296	65	10	16	45	42
Punjab	540	371	47	1	6	7	108
Orissa	141	87	6	12	12	12	12
Sikkim	45	43	0	0	0	0	2
Rajasthan	168	102	15	20	12	5	14
Tamil Nadu	81	66	4	2	0	4	5
Tripura	120	113	2	2	1	1	1
West Bengal	14	7	3	0	2	0	2
Uttar Pradesh	145	111	7	14	8	3	2
Uttaranchal	1064	887	51	12	49	8	57
TOTAL	4924	3454	448	146	203	181	492